



## **United States Mission to the OSCE**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

## **U.S. Officials Express Concern About Repression of Belarusian NGOs**

**At the OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting  
Warsaw, October 3, 2007**

U.S. officials at Europe's largest annual human-rights conference expressed concern about repression of NGOs in Belarus after listening to accounts by several Belarusian NGOs today.

The meeting with the NGOs took place during the annual Human Dimensions Implementation Meeting (HDIM), a review of human-rights conditions in the 56 participating States of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), held in Warsaw.

U.S. head of delegation Ambassador Richard S. Williamson, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor Jonathan D. Farrar, and staff members of the U.S. Congress' Helsinki Commission heard from the NGO representatives about their ongoing struggle to secure freedoms guaranteed by treaty commitments of all OSCE States, including the government of Belarus. They reiterated U.S. support for the Belarusians' exercise of the fundamental rights that all citizens are entitled to under these agreements.